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FOSTER PARENTS RECOGNIZED FOR DEDICATION, SERVICE

County Honors 162 Deserving Families

WHAT: As part of National Foster Care Month, the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) will host the 47th Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet to honor 162 local foster families. Awards include: *Foster Parent of the Year*, the *Above and Beyond Service Awards*, and the *Public Health and Adoptions Awards*.

Long Term Service Awards recognize foster families for their years of service (in increments of five years), including **one foster mother who has cared for foster children for 45 years!** Additionally, a proclamation from the County Board of Supervisors will be presented to the five local Foster Parent Associations.

WHO: Chairman Greg Cox, San Diego County Board of Supervisors
Foster Care Staff from San Diego County HHSA
Hundreds of local foster parents

WHEN: Friday, May 9, 2008
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Handlery Hotel & Resort, Presidio Room
950 Hotel Circle North San Diego, CA 92108

WHY: May is National Foster Care Month. There are nearly 6,000 children in out-of-home care in San Diego County. There are 1,600 licensed foster families providing care for these abused and neglected children. San Diego County celebrates the commitment and dedication of these loving families, and encourages others to help care for and protect our most vulnerable children.

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